

OTHER AGRICULTURAL STATISTICS

PRICES

Annual average prices for New York produced agricultural commodities during 2000 were mostly higher compared with a year earlier. Prices for hay, apples, onions, cattle, calves, hogs, sheep, lambs, and eggs increased while prices for wheat, oats, corn, potatoes, and milk declined.

New York beef producers and dairy farmers with animals to sell saw average prices increase from year-earlier levels. Steers and heifers averaged \$58.70 per hundredweight (cwt.) During the year, up 8 percent from 1999, while slaughter cows were up 10 percent to \$36.20 per cwt. over the same period. The combined price for all slaughter cattle averaged \$38.00 per cwt., up 8 percent from 1999. Calf prices averaged \$104.00 per cwt. during 2000, up 47 percent from a year earlier. At the National level, annual

average prices for all slaughter cattle combined averaged 8 percent higher.

New York pork producers saw prices for hogs average \$34.10 in 2000, up 31 percent from a year earlier. Lamb prices were up 10 percent to \$91.70 per cwt. Table egg prices averaged 53.9 cents per dozen during the year, up slightly from 1999. At the U.S. level, hog prices averaged 40 percent higher, while lamb prices were up 10 percent. U.S. table egg prices during 2000 declined 1 percent from the 1999 level.

Wholesale milk prices received by New York dairy farmers averaged \$13.10 per cwt. during 2000, down 10 percent from \$14.60 a year earlier.

Table 89. PARITY RATIO: Monthly and Annual Average,
United States, 1992-1999

Year	Jan.	Feb.	Mar.	Apr.	May	June	July	Aug.	Sept.	Oct.	Nov.	Dec.	Annual avg.
	<u>1990-92 = 100</u>												
1992	96	98	99	98	98	99	98	99	98	96	95	95	97
1993	94	95	96	100	99	97	97	98	98	97	98	99	97
1994	99	98	99	95	94	93	92	92	92	90	90	93	94
1995	91	91	91	91	92	92	94	94	95	95	96	97	93
1996	96	94	96	94	97	103	103	101	100	97	96	94	98
1997	92	90	92	90	90	91	90	91	90	91	89	89	90
1998	88	87	89	91	90	89	88	89	88	87	87	87	88
1999	85	84	85	84	85	84	83	85	83	78	80	79	83
2000	76	78	80	84	84	82	81	81	81	77	80	81	80

1/ Ratio of the index of prices received by farmers after adjustment for government payments to the index of prices paid for commodities and services, interest, taxes, and wage rates.